

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM
DEEP SET
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
October 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

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The Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery targeting tunas has been monitored under a mandatory observer program since February 1994. Beginning March 1994, branch personnel have conducted daily shoreside dock rounds in Honolulu to determine which fishing vessels are in port. These dock rounds are used to obtain an estimate of fishing effort on a real-time basis by assuming that a vessel is fishing when it is absent from the harbor. This report summarizes data for vessels that declared intent for a deep set trip. This report is used to ensure prompt dissemination of Hawaii Longline Observer Data and may be revised after final data editing has been completed. The following table summarizes percent observer coverage for vessel departures, vessels arriving with observers, and protected species interactions for vessels arriving with observers during the fourth quarter of 2005.

Vessel Departures - 4th Quarter (October 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005)	
Departures -----	396
Departures with observers -----	112
Observer coverage 4th quarter -----	28.3%
Vessels Arriving with Observers - 4th Quarter	
Departures with observers in 4th quarter -----	112
Observers departing in 3rd quarter arriving 4th quarter -----	26
Observers departing in 4th quarter arriving 1st quarter 2006 -----	9
Total vessels arriving with observers - 4th quarter -----	129
Protected Species Interactions - 4th Quarter	
Vessels arriving with observers - 4th quarter -----	129
Trips with turtle interactions -----	4
Trips without turtle interactions -----	125
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----	3
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----	126
Trips with seabird interactions -----	1
Trips without seabird interactions -----	128
Total Sea Turtle Interactions -----	4
Released Injured	
Leatherback -----	1
Released Dead	
Olive Ridley -----	3
Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----	3
Released injured	
Blainville's Beaked Whale -----	1
Unidentified Cetacean -----	1
Released Dead	
False Killer Whale -----	1
Total Seabird Interactions -----	1
Released Dead	
Black-footed Albatross -----	1
Total Sets	1,720
Total Hooks Set	3,437,263
Turtles per 1,000 Hooks	0.001
Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks	0.000
Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks	0.001
Note: The percent of observer coverage is based on vessel departures.	
Protected species interactions are based on vessel arrivals. For the purpose of	
this report, an animal that becomes hooked or entangled is an interaction.	